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1. The cracking refinery was northeast of Ufa (56°00'E/54°45'N), on the right bank of the Belaya River. The plant covered an area of about 800 square meters. There were spur tracks to the main railroad line leading to Chelyabinsk, a suburb of Ufa. The refinery, said to have been in operation since the previous Five-Year Plan, had a number of distillation towers (Kolonnentuerme), boiler and machine houses, concrete workshops with stills, pump stations, workshops and secondary buildings. The different departments were connected by a maze of compressing installations, fittings, and pipes. A residue-processing installation for asphalt could be definitely identified. The refinery was constantly being enlarged.
2. The plant was connected with the long-distance oil pipe line from the Ishimbay District. A new pipe line for finished products was being laid in the direction of Asha-Chelyabinsk. The work force numbered 3,000 to 4,000, working in three shifts. *

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* Comment. The cracking refinery is known to be a modern refining and cracking installation with six columns. The plant installations were delivered by the Shell Company during the war. The annual capacity is about 1.3 million tons. The production program includes aviation gasoline, standard gasoline, Miesel and tractor fuel, kerosene, and gas oil.

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